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RE-EDUCATION PROJECT

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(APRIL 7, 1976

1. REFTEL A REPORTED PLANS BY YUGOSLAV LINGUIST PETER GUBERINA TO ASSIST GOS IN SETTING UP DEAF TRAINING PROGRAM; AS US HAD PARTICIPATED IN COMPARABLE PAST PROGRAMS IN TUNISIA AND EGYPT, REFTEL A INQUIRED WHETHER STATE, HEW AND/OR AID SAW BASIS FOR SIMILAR AMERICAN ROLE IN SENEGALESE PROGRAM TO WHICH GOS ATTACHING HIGH IMPORTANCE.

2. I HAVE NOW RECEIVED LETTER DATED APRIL 20 FROM MINISTER OF STATE FOR NATIONAL EDUCATION DOUDOU NGOM PROVIDING FURTHER DETAILS ON PROGRAM AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORMALLY ASKING TO KNOW US INTENTIONS.

3. FREE TRANSLATION OF NGOM LETTER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF SOCIAL ACTION TO ASSIST THOSE WITH SENSORY HANDICAPS, THE SENAGALESE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH IN DAKAR A CENTER FOR THE RE-EDUCATION OF THE DEAF. THE SUCCESS OF THAT EXPERIMENT WILL DETERMINE ITS POSSIBLE EXTENSION NOT ONLY THROUGHOUT SENEGAL, BUT ALSO, CIRCUMSTANCES AND MEANS PERMITTING, AT THE WEST AFRICAN REGIONAL LEVEL. THAT SUGGESTS THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THIS PROJECT, WHICH IT IS INCUMBENT ON US TO ACCOMPLISH IN VIEW OF ITS HUMANITARIAN NATURE.

CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE CHIEF OF STATE AND PROFESSOR GUBERINA, ORIGINATOR OF A VERBAL-TONAL METHOD APPLIED WITH SUCCESS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

M. KAMIAN, DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL UNESCO OFFICE WAS ALSO CONSULTED AND IS INTERESTED IN THIS PLAN.

AS A RESULT OF THESE CONTACTS, ALL ELEMENTS FOR REALIZATION OF THIS PROJECT EXIST AND CAN RAPIDLY BE PUT INTO EFFECT. THERE REMAINS AONLY TO FIND SOURCES OF CINANCING, WHICH IS THE OBJECT OF THIS LETTER.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH TO INDICATE YOUR INTENTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF YOUR EVENTUAL CONTRIBUTION TO ITS REALIZATION.

SO THAT YOU MAY TAKE A DECISION IN FULL APPRECIATION OF THE CAUSE, I AM ATTACHING A COPY OF A LETTER FROM PROFESSOR GUBERINA WHICH CONTAINS ALL ELEMENTS OF NECESSARY INFORMATION. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) END QUOTE

4. NGOM LETTER ATTACHED COMMUNICATION FROM GUBERNIA DATED JANUARY 27, 1976 PROPOSING THAT SENEGAL REQUEST YUGOSLAVIA TO PROVIDE THREE EXPERTS TO TRAIN SENEGALESE CADRES IN VERBAL-TONAL METHOD; TWO WOULD REMAIN FOR THREE MONTHS WHILE THIRD WOULD STAY FOR ONE YEAR. GUBERNIA INDICATES THREE POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FINANCING FOR NECESSARY EQUIPMENT: UNESCO, FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND USG. GUBERNIA REFERS TO BEGINNING OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM IN NOVEMBER INVOLVING FIFTY CHILDREN AND REQUIRING AS EQUIPMENT "TEN SUVAGS I, SIX SUVAG II AND TWO SUVAG-LINGUA," TOTAL COST OF WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT 400,000 FRENCH FRANCS. LETTER INDICATES EQUIPMENT IS MANUFACTURED BY FRENCH FIRM.

5. I AM SENDING NONCOMMITAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO NGOM LETTER PENDING RECEIPT OF GUIDANCE AS TO PAST US

INVOLVEMENT IN SIMILAR DEAF TRAINING PROGRAMS AND
INDICATION WHETHER THERE IS ANY BASIS FOR CONSIDERING
CORRESPONDING CONTRIBUTION IN SENEGAL.

6. POUCHING NGOM AND GUBERNIA LETTER TO AF/W:
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